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SUBJECT: REVISED FY-74 BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR POST LANGUAGE TRAINING

REF: DEPT'S ADVICE OF ALLOTMENT NO. 3331 DATED SEPT. 28, 1973

1. REFERENCED ADVICE OF ALLOTMENT ALLOTS \$1,200 FOR FY 1974, LIMITED TO EXPENDITURES OF \$300 PER QUARTER. POST HAS ALREADY OBLIGATED \$357.02 FOR FIRST QUARTER; THIS BEING DONE PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF ALLOTMENT FORM.

2. REMAINING \$242.98 FOR SECOND QUARTER IS INSUFFICIENT FOR POST NEEDS FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

(A) EFFECTIVE JULY 1, RATE OF PAY FOR ALL TUTORS WAS INCREASED FROM \$1.78 TO \$2.09 PER HOUR.

(B) MARINE GUARDS PLAN TO TAKE ALL 100 HOURS OF TRAINING, 4 HOURS PER DAY, 5 DAYS PER WEEK, FROM OCT. 23 THROUGH NOVEMBER 28, WHICH WILL COST \$209.00, RATHER THAN \$174 BUDGETED.

(C) MATTHEW WARD, AMERICAN CONSUL MANDALAY, IN LANGUAGE DESIGNATED POSITION, DID NOT COMPLET FSI BURMESE COURSES IN WASHINGTON. HE IS THEREFORE INITIALLY TAKING TWO HOURS INDIVIDUAL CLASSES PER DAY AT RATE OF \$20.90 PER WEEK, OR ABOUT \$250 FOR BALANCE OF QUARTER.

(D) RATES FOR USIS OFFICER TRAINING AND GROUP STATE CLASSES ALSO INCREASED DUE TO PAY INCREASE.

3. THEREFORE, OBLIGATIONS DURING SECOND QUARTER WILL BE APPROX-
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IMATELY \$700.

4. ACTION REQUESTED:

(A) REQUEST AUTHORITY TO OBLIGATE \$750 OF TOTAL ALLOTMENT

DURING SECOND QUARTER, FOR TOTAL OF \$1,050 DURING FIRST
HALF OF YEAR.

(B) ADVISE IF BURMA MAY EXPECT TO RECEIVE ANY INCREASE IN
TOTAL AUTHORIZATION FOR YEAR. IF SO WE WILL SUBMIT
DETAILED REQUEST. IF NOT WE WILL LIMIT CLASSES DURING
REMAINDER OF FY TO CONFORM TO REMAINING FUNDS AVAILABLE.

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